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7. A method for attaching a flexible cord handle to a bag including the steps of:

forming at least one aperture through a bag wall;

passing an end of a cord having an aglet thereon through said at least one aperture, said aglet comprising detent or barb means biased outwardly thereof which are movable inwardly as the aglet is passed through the aperture and which detent or barb means return to a position outwardly of the aglet to provide a stop against the bag wall preventing removal of the aglet from the aperture in the reverse direction to its passing through the aperture.

8. A method for attaching a flexible cord handle to a bag including the steps of:

forming at least one aperture through a bag wall;

passing an end of a cord having an aglet thereon, through said at least one aperture, said aglet comprising detent or barb means biased outwardly thereof;

providing at least one obstruction member with at least one aglet receiving cavity therein adapted to receive the aglet of at least one cord, the obstruction member being sized to be unable to pass through the aperture;

inserting the aglet into the aglet receiving cavity so that the detent or barb means are positioned to retain the obstruction member against removal from the aglet.

9. A method as claimed in claim 7 ~~or 8~~ wherein a disc or washer is fitted between the detent or barb means and the bag wall.

10. An aglet for fitment to a cord handle and adapted to fix the cord handle to an aperture in a bag wall, said aglet including a longitudinal body part formed with outwardly biased barbs of detent means adapted to retract inwardly as the body part is moved through an aperture during which the barb or detent means contact the perimeter of the aperture.

11. An aglet as claimed in claim 10 which includes an integrally formed stopping surface spaced from the barb or detent means to abut the bag wall at the opposite side of the aperture to that of the barb or detent means when in situ.

12. A method for attaching flexible cord handles to bags or other receptacles wherein a bag is maintained with a mouth of the bag in an open configuration by means of the application of a partial vacuum to at least one side wall of the bag during which a flexible cord handle is applied to the bag.

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13. A method as claimed in claim 12 wherein the handle comprises a length of flexible cord fitted with elongate stops which extend transversely of the cord and which stops are aligned parallel to the cord before being pushed through respective bag apertures and then returned to their transverse orientation relative to the cord to act as a stop preventing removal of the cord from the aperture in a direction opposite to the direction of insertion of the cord and stop through the aperture.

14. A method of fitment of a cardboard or similar base insert into a bag after opening of the mouth of the bag by means of the application of a partial vacuum to at least one side wall of the bag while moving the bag along a pathway whereafter the base insert is placed into the bag and affixed to the interior of the bottom of the bag by adhesive pre-applied to the bottom of the bag and/or to the underside of the base insert.

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